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SUBJECT: REVISED PLAN FOR PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION VISIT TO VIENTIANE

1. SOUBANH SRITHIRATH, CHEF DE CABINET LPDR FOREIGN MINISTRY, INFORMED US AT 1000 HOURS FRIDAY MARCH 18 THAT THE LPDR HAD REVISED PLAN FOR COMMISSION'S VISIT GENERALLY AS FOLLOWS. (FINAL PLAN SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL OF COMMISSION MARCH 19.)

2. LPDR CONSIDERS COMMISSION, STAFF AND JOURNALISTS AS ITS GUESTS AND WILL THEREFORE PICK UP HOTEL BILL INCLUDING MEALS AND WILL HOST A RECEPTION OR DINNER EVENING MARCH 19 IN LIEU OF MY DINNER.

3. SCHEDULE IN GENERAL NOW READS:

STATURDAY, MARCH 19:

A. 1100 HOURS ARRIVAL AT VIENTIANE AIRPORT.

B. PROCEED TO HOTEL LANE XANG.

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C. COMMISSION AND SENIOR STAFF JOIN CHARGE AND EMBASSY OFFICERS FOR WORKING LUNCH AT RESIDENCE.

D. MEETING WITH LAO DELEGATION, EXACT TIME AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED.

3.EVENING RECEPTION OR DINNER BY LAO FOR COMMISSION,
STAFF AND JOURNALISTS, PLUS EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

4. SUNDAY, MARCH 20:

A. MORNING OPEN UNLESS DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE.

B. POSSIBLE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG (WE
HAVE REQUESTED THIS BUT DECISION NOT YET COMMUNICATED
TO US.)

C. ABOUT NOON, BUFFET LUNCH AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE (SUBJECT TO
COMMISSION'S APPROVAL) FOR LAO DELEGATION, PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION,
STAFF AND JOURNALISTS.

D. AFTER LUNCH TAKE OFF APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS.

5. LAO NOW ARE DEFINITELY PLANNING ON COMMISSION'S
ARRIVAL SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AND DEPARTURE SUNDAY, MARCH
20.

6. LAO IDENTIFIED THEIR DELEGATION AS FOLLOWS:

A. NOUPHAN SITHPASAY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, HEAD OF DELEGATION.

B. SOUBANH SRITHIRATH, CHEF DE CABINET, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MEMBER.

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C. SOMBAT CHOUNLAMANY, DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AND
PACIFIC NATION AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, MEMBER.

D. KITHONG VONGSAY, DIRECTOR OF PRESS AND INFORMATION,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MEMBER.

E. SALY KHAMSY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CONSULAR AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MEMBER.

7. LAO DELEGATION WILL BE ASSISTED BY FOLLOWING TWO
STAFF MEMBERS:

A. OUDONE VORATANOUVONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

B. PHEUIPHAN NGAOSYVATH, DEPTY TO SOMBAT CHOUNLAMANY.

8. LAO INTEND TO MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION IN LAO WITH

CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH. (POLITICAL OFFICER JERE BROH-KAHN WILL HANDLE THIS.) AMERICAN SIDE EXPECTED TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS IN ENGLISH WITH CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATIONS INTO LAO BY FOREIGN MINISTRY PERSONNEL. SOUBANH MADE IT CLEAR THEY DID NOT REPEAT NOT WANT TO USE FRENCH.

9. COMMENT: LAO SEEM TO BE RESPONDING TO VIETNAMESE ADVICE OR EXAMPLE IN PROVIDING THE NORMAL AMENITIES FOR COMMISSION'S VISIT. THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION AGREE TO REMAIN IN VIENTIANE FOR THE SUNDAY BUFFET LUNCH WHICH WILL REPRESENT RETURN OF LAO HOSPITALITY.

10. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS APPROPRIATE MILITARY ADDRESSEES.
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